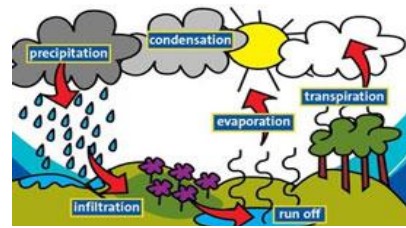




Puffin Class Term 5 Newsletter 'How do rivers shape the land?'






Dear Puffin Class families,

Welcome back – we hope you all had a lovely Easter break! This term, we have a geography-focused topic and will spend the next 6 weeks learning about rivers: how they change over time; the different parts of a river and how they finally reach the sea. Our science focus is Living Things and, at the end of term, we will join our friends in Peacock class on a visit to Wakehurst to explore how important plants are in our world.

In maths, we will be looking at Time, which can be a particularly tricky concept to master and needs regular and repeated practise every day. Please practice this as much as possible at home: buying a cheap, analogue watch for your child to wear is a good way to help them become independent with telling the time or by referring to a clock as often as possible.

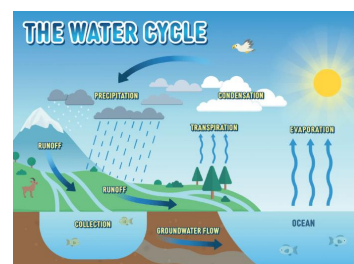
Home Learning

COMPULSORY	Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure their reading is logged on Boom Reader.
		I will check Boom Reader every Friday and move children who have completed 3 reads onto the next stage of our Reading Challenge. Children who get to the end of the challenge receive a prize!
	Lexia 	To support us with this valuable reading tool, please can children practise at home for 20 minutes per week .
	Times Tables 	Every child has a Times Table Rock Stars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week , ready for our weekly 'Club 99' tests and, for the Year 4s, the Multiplication Tables Check in June. It is crucial that the children practise at home to support their maths in school, which relies heavily on recall of multiplication and division facts.
OPTIONAL	CGP Books	I will continue to send home new tasks each Friday for Maths and Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, and will collect CGP books/folders the following Friday as normal.

Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:

- Can you name a part of a river?
- What is our local river?
- Can you explain the water cycle to me?
- Can you tell what the time is now? (Ask at different points of the day!)
- Can you name the seasons in French?
- What happened at Pentecost?

Key Topic Vocabulary



Reminders – Please make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water and ensure all jumpers are labelled. As the days get warmer, please ensure your child has appropriate sun protection, including a sun hat and sun cream. Our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. On these days, the children need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr Mack and the Puffins team

‘How do rivers shape the land?’ - Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Descriptive writing</p>	<p>Poetry</p>
<p>Maths</p> 	<p>Fractions</p>	<p>Time</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Living Things</p>	
<p>Art</p> 	<p>Landscapes</p>	
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>How do rivers shape the land?</p>	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p>Programming</p>	
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Pentecost</p>	
<p>French</p> 	<p>Where in the world?</p>	
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Composing</p>	
<p>P.E.</p> 	<p>Netball</p>	